

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
DALLAS DIVISION**

CODING TECHNOLOGIES, LLC,	§	
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Plaintiff,	§	Case No:
	§	
vs.	§	PATENT CASE
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SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC USA, INC.	§	
	§	
Defendant.	§	
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**COMPLAINT**

Plaintiff Coding Technologies, LLC (“Plaintiff” or “CT”) files this Complaint against Schneider Electric USA, Inc. (“Defendant” or “Schneider”) for infringement of United States Patent No. 8,540,159 (the “ ‘159 Patent”).

**PARTIES AND JURISDICTION**

1. This is an action for patent infringement under Title 35 of the United States Code. Plaintiff is seeking injunctive relief as well as damages.

2. Jurisdiction is proper in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 (Federal Question) and 1338(a) (Patents) because this is a civil action for patent infringement arising under the United States patent statutes.

3. Plaintiff is a Texas limited liability company with a place of business at 1801 NE 123 Street, Suite 314, Miami, FL 33181.

4. On information and belief, Defendant is a Delaware corporation with a principal office address of 200 N. Martingdale Rd., Ste. 1000, Schaumburg, IL 60173 and may be served through its registered agent, Corporation Service Company at 211 E. 7th St., Ste. 620, Austin,

TX 78701.

5. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendant because Defendant has committed, and continues to commit, acts of infringement in this District, has conducted business in this District, and/or has engaged in continuous and systematic activities in this District.

6. Upon information and belief, Defendant's instrumentalities that are alleged herein to infringe were and continue to be used, imported, offered for sale, and/or sold in this District.

### **VENUE**

7. On information and belief, venue is proper in this District under 28 U.S.C. § 1400(b) because acts of infringement are occurring in this District and Defendant has a regular and established place of business in this District at, for example, 1650 W. Crosby Rd., Carrollton, TX 75006.

### **COUNT I** **(INFRINGEMENT OF UNITED STATES PATENT NO. 8,540,159)**

8. Plaintiff incorporates paragraphs 1 through 7 herein by reference.

9. This cause of action arises under the patent laws of the United States and, in particular, under 35 U.S.C. §§ 271, *et seq.*

10. Plaintiff is the owner by assignment of the '159 Patent with sole rights to enforce the '159 Patent and sue infringers.

11. A copy of the '159 Patent, titled "Method for Providing Mobile Service Using Code-pattern," is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

12. The '159 Patent is valid, enforceable, and was duly issued in full compliance with Title 35 of the United States Code.

13. Upon information and belief, at least through internal testing, Defendant has infringed and continues to infringe one or more claims, including at least Claim 1 of the '159 Patent by using and/or incorporating code patterns in connection with promotional media distributed by and/or controlled by Defendant in a manner covered by one or more claims of the '159 Patent. Defendant has infringed and continues to infringe the '159 Patent in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271.

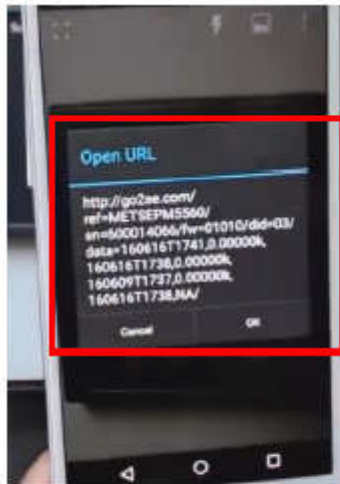
14. Regarding Claim 1, at least through internal use and testing, Defendant provides content (e.g., a website with promotional information) with the use of a code pattern (e.g., a QR code) in connection with promotional media containing the code pattern. The content is provided by a user terminal (e.g., a smartphone or other device capable of scanning the code pattern). Certain aspects of this element are illustrated in the screenshots below.



QR Code



SCAN



**DECODE**

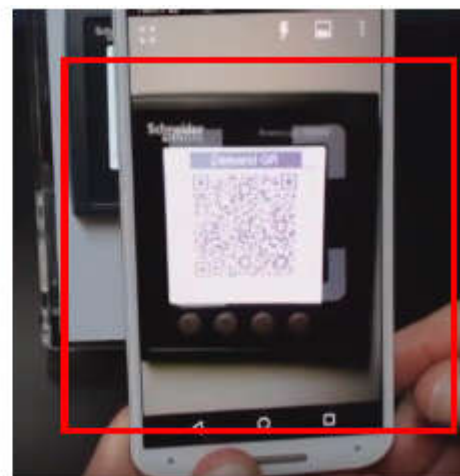
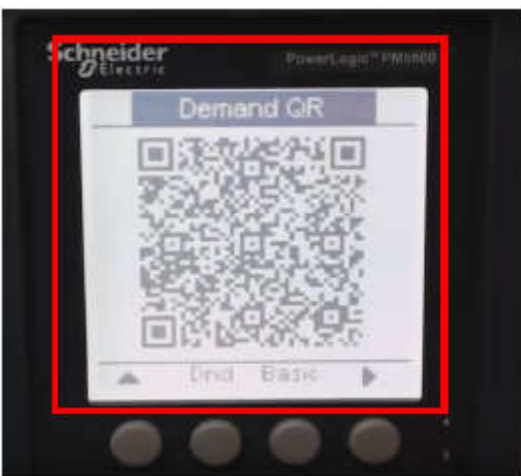
Scan the QR code with your phone then go to [meterinsights.schneider-electric.com](http://meterinsights.schneider-electric.com) on any device to view the information in a browser.



**ACTION**

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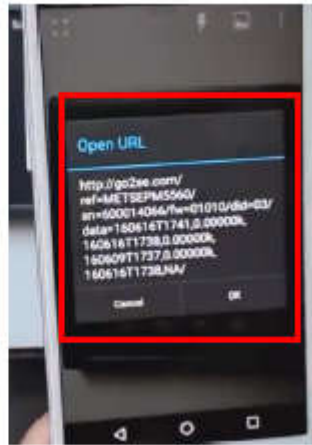
15. A photographic image of the code pattern (e.g., image of QR code) is obtained using a camera of the user terminal (e.g., the camera of the smartphone). These elements are illustrated in the screenshots below and/or in screenshots provided in connection with other allegations herein.



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16. A processor of the user terminal processes the photographic image of the code pattern to extract the code pattern (e.g., image of QR code) from the photographic image. The

extracted code pattern can be viewed by the user. Certain aspects of this element are illustrated in the screenshots below and/or screenshots referenced in other paragraphs herein.



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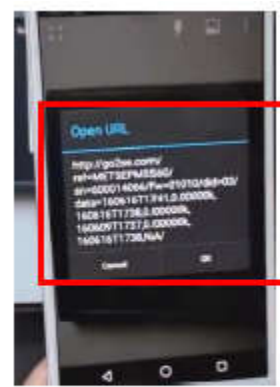
17. The extracted code pattern is decoded by the processor of the user terminal (e.g., smartphone processor) into code information (e.g., the URL of the web page associated with Defendant). For example, the smartphone decodes the QR code on the object image captured from the smartphone's camera to obtain a decoded hyperlink. Certain aspects of this element are illustrated in the screenshots below and/or screenshots referenced in other paragraphs herein.



**QR CODE**



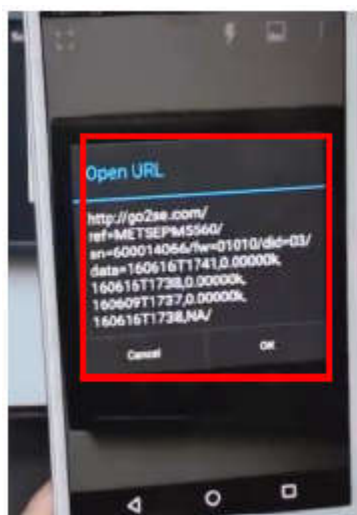
**SCAN**



**DECODE**

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18. A content information request message is sent to a server based on the code information. For example, a content information request message (e.g., http request message for accessing the webpage associated with Defendant) is transmitted to a server (e.g., Defendant's server) based on the code information (e.g., URL of the webpage associated with Defendant). Once the URL is decoded from the extracted QR code, a request for accessing a webpage associated with Defendant is sent to Defendant's server. For example, the smartphone sends the information associated with the QR code to Defendant's server. Certain aspects of this element are illustrated in the screenshots below and/or those referenced in other paragraphs herein.

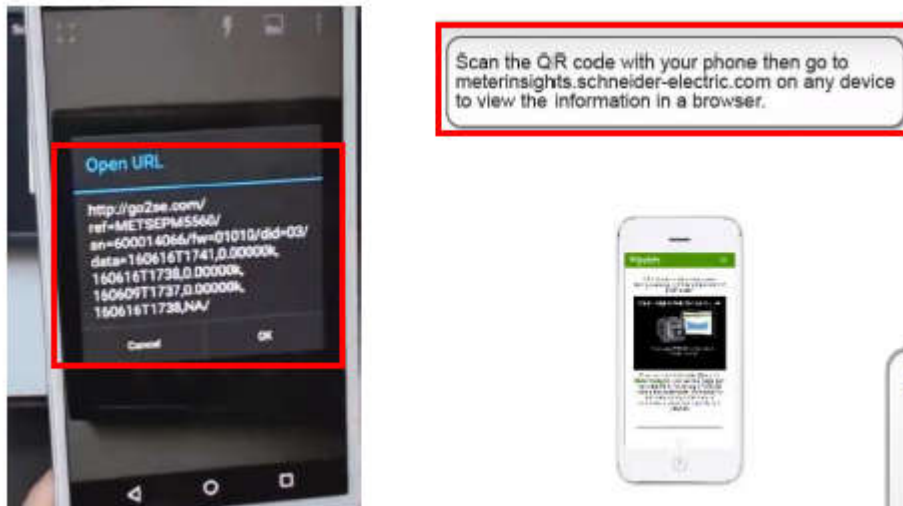


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19. Defendant practices receiving content information (e.g., a web page associated with Defendant) from the server (e.g., Defendant's server) in response to the content information request message. The terminal (e.g., smartphone) receives Defendant's webpage. For example, after clicking on the hyperlink that is obtained by scanning the QR code associated with the product, the smartphone receives the information about the product from

Defendant's server. Certain aspects of this element are illustrated in the screenshots below and/or those referenced in other paragraphs herein.



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20. Defendant's actions complained of herein will continue unless Defendant is enjoined by this court.

21. Defendant's actions complained of herein are causing irreparable harm and monetary damage to Plaintiff and will continue to do so unless and until Defendant is enjoined and restrained by this Court.

22. Plaintiff is in compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 287.

### **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff asks the Court to:

(a) Enter judgment for Plaintiff on this Complaint on all causes of action asserted herein;

(b) Enter an Order enjoining Defendant, its agents, officers, servants, employees, attorneys, and all persons in active concert or participation with Defendant who receive notice of the order from further infringement of United States Patent No. 8,540,159 (or, in the

alternative, awarding Plaintiff running royalties from the time of judgment going forward);

(c) Award Plaintiff damages resulting from Defendant's infringement in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 284;

(d) Award Plaintiff pre-judgment and post-judgment interest and costs; and

(e) Award Plaintiff such further relief to which the Court finds Plaintiff entitled under law or equity.



Dated: January 27, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

*/s/ Jay Johnson*

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## **EXHIBIT A**